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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, SW

SUBJECT: UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER

REF: STATE 230744

1. ERIK BACKMAN OF MFA/COMMERCE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT GOS HOPES COPPER MEETING WILL BE FOCUSED IN PRAGMATIC WAY AND REAFFIRM WORK PROGRAM OF LAST MARCH'S AD HOC MEETING. BUT HE NOTED THAT GOS HAD, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, FULLY ENDORSED THE GENERAL MANDATE GIVEN BY UNCTAD IV TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON COMMODITY MEETINGS AND MUST THEREFORE ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT AFTER A DAY OR SO OF TALK THE

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CONFERENCE WOULD SETTLE DOWN AND THE WORK WOULD BE DONE BY

THOSE DELEGATIONS MOST INVOLVED AS PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.
ONLY THOSE INTERESTED WILL LISTEN ANYHOW," BACKMAN
SAID.

2. BACKMAN ALSO THOUGHT, WITHOUT BEING PRECISE, THAT
THE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS NEED NOT CONTINUE IN THE
LARGE FORMAT WHICH THEY PRESENTLY ASSUME. "THEY WILL
CHANGE IN TIME AND TAKE THEIR OWN FORM, HE SAID. HE
ALSO ADDED A NOTE OF CAUTION THAT, DUE TO THE NEW CHANGE
IN SWEDEN'S GOVERNING PARTIES, POLICIES TOWARD UNCTAD
AND THE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS MIGHT BE REVISED.

3. THE GOS DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY THE COUNSELOR
OF THE SWEDISH DELEGATION IN GENEVA, AND INCLUDE BACKMAN
AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, THE
BOARD OF TRADE, AND INDUSTRY. THE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES
WOULD COME FROM THOSE SWEDISH COMPANIES WHICH
MINE AND PROCESS COPPER.

4. COMMENT. THE DELEGATION APPEARS EXPERT ENOUGH TO
SATISFY REFTEL'S PARAGRAPH FIVE.
SMITH

NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED ADDRESSEES.

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